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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF CARL H. MIDDLETON, OPIC

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1. CONTROL OFFICER FOR MIDDLETON VISIT IS FSO DUANE C. BUTCHER, IN VIEW OF DELICATE NATURE OF GOVERNMENT/PRIVATE SECTOR RELATIONS IN KINGDOM, EMBASSY PREFERS THAT MIDDLETON NOT RPT NOT MAKE HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH OMAR KHASHOGJI. EMBASSY WILL LODGE IF HOTEL SPACE NOT AVAILABLE.

2. WILL ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS NOTED BELOW. MIDDLETON SHOULD KNOW THAT SPECIFIC AREAS OF PORT AND HOME CONSTRUCTION (SAME INDIVIDUALS FOR MOBILE HOMES) SATURATED WITH U.S. BUSINESS CALLERS WHO HAVE ESSENTIALLY EXHAUSTED SAUDI GOOD WILL.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING MIDDLETON VISIT SO THAT WE CAN PERSUADE HARD PRESSED SAUDIS THAT HIS VISIT DIFFERS FROM ORDINARY COMMERCIAL VISIT AND THUS MERITS ATTENTION. EMBASSY WILL DEFER MIDDLETON'S REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH ABDUL AZIZ KAKI, GIVEN FACT THAT EMBASSY ONLY NOW USING ITS GOOD OFFICES TO EXTRICATE GROUP OF U.S. MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS FROM EMBARRASSING ARRANGEMENT WITH KAKI.

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